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*Planned H.B. KEATING*  
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*x Econ 3 US, Cuba, et al.*  
*x Pres 2 J.C. STENNIS*

ADD 3 CUBA WASHINGTON

ON THE (NBC) SPECIAL TELEVISION PANEL CHAIRMAN JOHN C. STENNIS, D-MISS., OF THE SENATE PREPAREDNESS SUBCOMMITTEE, SAID "THE MENACE IS THERE" IN CUBA, IRRESPECTIVE OF WHAT ESTIMATES OF ITS SIZE ARE EMPLOYED AND IT "IS, PERHAPS, GOING TO GROW."

STENNIS SAID THAT, IF THE CUBAN SITUATION IS NOT RESOLVED IT WOULD MOVE TOWARDS A CRISIS. THE DAY WILL PROBABLY COME, HE SAID, WHEN THE RUSSIANS WILL SHOOT DOWN A U.S. PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE PLANE AND THAT COULD "PRECIPITATE A CRISIS."

REP. H. R. GROSS, R-IOWA, SAID THE U.S. SHOULD APPLY "AN IRONCLAD BLOCKADE" ON CUBA. REP. WILLIAM C. CRAMER, R-FLA., FAVORED AN "AIRTIGHT TRADE BAN" ON NATIONS WHICH TRADE WITH CUBA.

KEATING, IN A SEGMENT FILED BEFORE HIS MEETING WITH MCCONE, DECLINED COMMENT ON HIS PROPOSED COURSE OF ACTION BUT SAID THAT THERE ARE MANY ECONOMIC MOVES WHICH COULD BE TAKEN AGAINST THE RUSSIANS IN CUBA.

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